

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 23, 2007 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: SB 271, SB 302, SB 305  
Executive Action: SB 160, SB 386

**HEARING ON SB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:37 Sen. Gregory Barkus (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 302, Remove daytime speed limit restriction on Highway 93.

[EXHIBIT\(trh62a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:27 Jim Curry, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:05:53 Susan Brown

[EXHIBIT\(trh62a02\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:09:40 Rep. Kottel  
00:10:05 Mr. Curry, MDOT  
00:12:13 Rep. Hilbert  
00:12:27 Mr. Curry, MDOT  
00:14:58 Rep. MacLaren  
00:15:15 Mr. Curry, MDOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:21 Sen. Barkus

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**HEARING ON SB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:48 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 271, Revise requirements for securing loads.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:51 Luke Anderson

[EXHIBIT\(trh62a03\)](#)

00:31:43 Captain Butch Husiby, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)  
00:33:28 John Blacker, MDOT  
00:35:23 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company  
00:36:29 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

00:38:05 Charles Brooks, Billings Area Chamber of Commerce

00:39:14 Emma Murter

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:45 Rep. Kottel

00:39:56 Sen. Brown

00:41:43 Rep. Hilbert

00:43:07 Sen. Brown

00:44:07 Rep. Nooney

00:44:47 Sen. Brown

00:46:01 Rep. Arntzen

00:46:25 Sen. Brown

00:47:11 Andrew Geiger

00:47:29 Rep. Arntzen

00:48:02 Andrew Geiger

00:48:27 Rep. Arntzen

00:48:40 Captain Husiby, MHP

00:49:01 Rep. Sonju

00:49:23 Captain Husiby, MHP

00:52:18 Rep. Nooney

00:52:40 Captain Husiby, MHP

00:53:08 Rep. Arntzen

00:53:48 Mr. Anderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:55:10 Sen. Brown

**HEARING ON SB 305**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:56:27 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on  
SB 305, Revise motor vehicle dealer laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:59:09 Bill Dee, Dee Motor Company

01:03:13 Bruce Spenser, Montana Automobile Dealers Association

01:05:48 Dean Roberts, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:19 Rep. Nooney  
01:08:25 Mr. Roberts, MVD  
01:10:19 Rep. Arntzen  
01:10:30 Mr. Roberts, MVD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:11:49 Sen. Laslovich

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 160**

01:14:18 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 160 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:14:29 Rep. Arntzen  
01:14:59 Andrew Geiger  
01:15:21 Rep. Nooney  
01:15:42 Rep. Kottel  
01:17:50 Rep. Nooney  
01:18:00 Rep. Sonju  
01:18:35 Rep. Nooney  
01:19:06 Rep. Hilbert  
01:20:14 Rep. Kottel

01:21:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
Rep. Kottel will carry the bill on the house floor.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 386**

01:22:43 **Motion:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 386 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:22:54 **Motion:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 386 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(trh62a04)

**Discussion:**

01:24:38 Rep. Hilbert  
01:25:56 Rep. Sonju  
01:26:05 Andrew Geiger  
01:26:35 Rep. Hilbert  
01:27:09 Rep. Malcolm  
01:27:23 Andrew Geiger  
01:28:12 Rep. Hilbert

01:28:27 Rep. Kottel  
01:28:45 Andrew Geiger  
01:28:59 Rep. Kottel  
01:29:32 Rep. Sonju  
01:29:37 Andrew Geiger  
01:29:48 Rep. MacLaren  
01:30:01 Andrew Geiger  
01:30:28 Rep. MacLaren  
01:30:34 Andrew Geiger  
01:30:48 Rep. Wiseman

01:31:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:31:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Malcolm moved that **SB 386 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Malcolm will carry the bill on the house floor.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

01:32:51 Adjournment

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REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

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KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([trh62aad.pdf](#))**